

## Community resources

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## Viewing cable 09TRIPOLI1021,

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### Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cable's unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

To understand the justification used for the classification of each cable, please use this [WikiSource](#) article as reference.

### Discussing cables

If you find meaningful or important information in a cable, please link directly to its unique reference number. Linking to a specific paragraph in the body of a cable is also possible by copying the appropriate link (to be found at the paragraph symbol). Please mark messages for social networking services like Twitter with the hash tags **#cablegate** and a hash containing the reference ID e.g. **#09TRIPOLI1021**.

Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
09TRIPOLI1021	2009-12-20 14:50	2011-08-30 01:44	SECRET//NOFORN	Embassy Tripoli

Appears in these articles:

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2011/08/22/121614/us-diplomats-have-long-seen-libyas.html>

VZCZCXRO1304  
OO RUEHTRO  
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O P 201450Z DEC 09  
FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI  
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5609  
INFO RHEHAAA/NSC WASHINGTON DC  
RUEAIIA/CIA WASHDC  
RUEHSW/AMEMBASSY BERN 0062  
RUEHEG/AMEMBASSY CAIRO 1527  
RUEHTU/AMEMBASSY TUNIS 0854  
RUEHAS/AMEMBASSY ALGIERS 0971  
RUEHRB/AMEMBASSY RABAT 0915  
RUEHLO/AMEMBASSY LONDON 1203  
RUEHFR/AMEMBASSY PARIS 0871  
RUEHTRO/AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI 6159

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DEPT FOR NEA/MAG AND DRL/NEASA, LONDON/PARIS FOR NEA WATCHERS

E.O. 12958: DECL: 12/20/2019

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CLASSIFIED BY: Gene Cretz, Ambassador, U.S. Embassy Tripoli, U.S. Department of State. REASON: 1.4 (b), (d)

- 1.(C) Summary: Human Right Watch's December 12 launch of its latest report on Libya -- the first such launch in-country -- provided an unprece
- 2.(C) Representatives from Human Rights Watch (HRW) credited members of the Qadhafi Development Foundation (QDF) for the latter's "brave and ri
- 3.(S//NF) A phone call from Muammar al-Qadhafi's staff putting HRW on notice for a possible audience with the Libyan leader thirty minutes bef
- 4.(C) The short briefing and recommendations were followed by a lively question-and-answer segment that quickly degenerated into a litany of gr
- 5.(C) After several longer testimonies, a journalist from state news agency JANA spoke, claiming to have accepted government compensation for h
- 6.(C) The event quickly evolved into an angry shouting match between government supporters and a sizable group of Libyan citizens urging the cr
- 7.(C/NF) In a December 13 meeting, HRW staff told the Ambassador that Saif al-Islam had personally intervened to allow the group to launch the
- 8.(C/NF) HRW recommended that the U.S. support those elements of Libyan society that sought to institutionalize human rights protections. They
- 9.(C) Comment: Press reports on the tensions between security officers and regime critics at the HRW launch event were overstated. Most of the
10. (C) Comment continued: This event -- the first-ever of its kind in Libya -- helped solidify Saif al-Islam's reputation as a "reformer" and